

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) System for laterally retaining paper rolls of different width in a printer, comprising a lateral positioning element and a seat of said printer suitable for alternatively accommodating one or the other of said rolls of different width, said lateral positioning element being suitable for assuming a first, or a second position, for retaining respectively a first narrow roll, or a second broad roll, said positioning element being fastened to said seat in each of said two positions by means of first fastening means, integral with said positioning element and suitable for cooperating with second fastening means, belonging to said seat,

~~characterized in that~~ wherein said first fastening means are arranged ~~displaced~~ towards a first side of said positioning element, ~~in that~~ said second fastening means comprise parts complementary to said first fastening means, and ~~in that~~ said positioning element is suitable for being rotated through 180° about a vertical axis of symmetry from said first position, in which said first narrow roll is retained by means of said first side of said element, to said second position, in which said second broad roll is retained by a second side, opposite said first side, of said positioning element, and vice versa.

Claim 2. (Currently Amended) System for laterally retaining paper rolls of different width according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said positioning element is made of a flat structure, having a predefined thickness “S” delimited by an external profile such as to be adaptable to the internal shape of said seat, ~~in that~~ said first fastening means comprise at least one body projecting beyond said profile, having a thickness “S1” lesser than the thickness “S” of said element,

and ~~in that~~ said complementary parts of said second fastening means comprise at least one pair of slots arranged side by side, and separated by a partitioning septum fixed to said seat, wherein said at least one projecting body is suitable for selectively engaging a first or a second of said slots, when said positioning element is placed respectively in said first or in said second position.

Claim 3. (Currently Amended) System for laterally retaining paper rolls of different width according to claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~ 1, wherein said positioning element is made of a flat structure, having a predefined thickness "S" delimited by an external profile such as to be adaptable to the internal shape of said seat, and said first fastening means comprise at least three bodies projecting beyond said profile, having a thickness "S1" lesser than the thickness "S" of said positioning element, and arranged ~~displaced~~ towards a first face of said positioning element, ~~in that~~ said second fastening means comprises at least three pairs of slots, formed in said seat, each constituted by two slots arranged side by side and separated by a partitioning septum fixed to the seat, and ~~in that~~ each of said projecting bodies is adapted for engaging a corresponding slot of each of said pairs of slots formed in said seat.

Claim 4. (Currently Amended) System for laterally retaining paper rolls of different width according to claim 3, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said at least three bodies are flush with said first face of said positioning element.

Claim 5. (Currently amended) System for laterally retaining paper rolls of different width

according to claim 3, ~~characterized in that~~, wherein in said first position, said bodies respectively engage said slots, arranged closest to said narrow roll, and that in said second position, said bodies respectively engage said slots, arranged farthest from said broad roll.

Claim 6. (Currently Amended) System for laterally retaining paper rolls of different width according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said positioning element is made of a flat structure, having a predefined thickness “S” delimited by an external profile, which adapts to the internal shape of said seat, ~~in that~~ said first fastening means comprise at least one body projecting beyond said profile, having a thickness “S1” lesser than the thickness “S” of said element, and ~~in that~~ said complementary parts of said second fastening means define a single slot, in which said at least one projecting body is adapted for cooperating with opposite sides of said single slot, when said element is arranged respectively in said first or in said second position.

Claim 7. (Currently Amended) Lateral positioning element of paper rolls of different widths, arranged alternatively in a seat of a printer, said lateral positioning element being made of a flat structure having a predefined thickness “S”, delimited by an external profile, which adapts to the internal shape of the seat, said lateral positioning element being suitable for assuming a first, or a second position, for respectively retaining a first narrow roll, or a second broad roll, said positioning element being fastened to said seat in each of said two positions by way of first fastening means, integral with said positioning element ~~18~~, and adapted for cooperating with corresponding second fastening means belonging to said seat,

~~characterized in that~~ wherein said first fastening means comprise a plurality of bodies projecting beyond said profile, having a thickness “S1” lesser than the thickness “S” of said element, and arranged ~~displaced~~ towards a first face of said positioning element, each of said projecting bodies being adapted for engaging, in each of said two positions, a corresponding slot of a pair of slots, of said second fastening means, set side by side and separated by a partitioning septum fixed to the seat, so that said positioning element is suitable for being moved from said first position, in which said first roll is retained by way of a first face of said positioning element, to said second position, in which said second roll is retained by a second face, opposite said first face, of said positioning element, by means of a 180° rotation about a vertical axis of symmetry, and vice versa.

Claim 8. (Currently Amended) Positioning element according to claim 7, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said plurality of bodies comprise at least three bodies projecting beyond said profile and arranged flush with said first face of said positioning element.

Claim 9. (Currently Amended) Lateral positioning element, according to claim 7, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein, in said first position, said bodies respectively engage those, of said slots, which are placed closest to said narrow roll, and that in said second position, said bodies respectively engage those, of said slots, which are placed furthest from said broad roll.

Claim 10. (Currently Amended) Lateral positioning element, according to claim 7, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein two of said bodies are placed reciprocally opposite and symmetrical

with respect to said axis, whereas said third body projects towards a bottom wall of said seat and is symmetrical with respect to said axis.

Claim 11. (Currently Amended) Lateral positioning element, according to claim 9, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said projecting bodies consist of flat tabs, having a side flush with said first face of said positioning element.

Claim 12. (Currently Amended) Lateral positioning element, according to claim 9, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said projecting bodies consist of cylindrical bodies.

Claim 13. (Currently Amended) Lateral positioning element, according to claim 7, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the thickness of said tabs is equal to the difference between the width (LS) of said broad roll and the width (LM) of said narrow roll and must be lesser than the thickness of said element, said thickness also being equal to the width of each of said slots.

Claim 14. (Currently Amended) Lateral positioning element, according to claim 7, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said partitioning septum has a width equal to twice the distance between a median plane of said partitioning septum and said second face of said element, adjacent to a side of said broad roll, and ~~that~~ said median plane comprises said axis of symmetry.

Claim 15. (Currently Amended) Printer for paper rolls of different width, comprising a seat

suitable for alternatively accommodating a first narrow roll, or a second broad roll, said seat being delimited by a first lateral fixed wall, of reference for said rolls, and by a movable lateral positioning element, opposite said first wall, said lateral positioning element consisting of a flat structure having a predefined thickness "S", delimited by an external profile, which adapts to the internal shape of the seat, said lateral positioning element being suitable for assuming a first, or a second position, for respectively retaining said narrow roll, or said broad roll, said positioning element being secured to said seat, in each of said two positions, by way of first fastening means, integral with said positioning element 48, and suitable for cooperating with corresponding second fastening means belonging to said seat,

~~characterized in that~~ wherein said first fastening means comprise at least three tabs, projecting beyond said profile and arranged ~~displaced~~ towards a first face of said element, and ~~in that~~ said second fastening means comprise at least three corresponding pairs of slots, the slots of each pair being arranged side by side and separated by a partitioning septum, so that said positioning element is suitable for being rotated through ~~180°~~ 180° about a vertical axis of symmetry (AV) from said position, in which said first roll is retained by way of a first face of said element, to said position, in which said second roll is retained by a second face of said element.